

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2023

Council meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL

Council President	Brian Cuddy
Council Vice-President	Kevin Musselman
Councilman Pro Tem	Jeffrey Thrush (absent)
Councilman	David Grbich
Councilman	George Bechtel
Councilwoman	Kathryn Burton
Councilman	Steve Harris
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

Public Comments

- Resident Daniel Wise encouraged Council to apply for an available 50/50 matching grant through the Fish & Boat Commission in order to upgrade river access within the Borough. There may be six parking spaces currently, however DEP may need to get involved as there is a sewer line nearby.
- Resident Christopher Smith stated his interest in joining Borough Council.

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Grbich and seconded by Councilman Bechtel to accept the Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- Emergency Management Coordinator, Robert (Rusty) Rusbatch, gave details to Council regarding his budget requests. These include requesting 30 percent of the \$20,000 cost for two emergency signs which will provide directions and instructions if a road needs to be shut down. Also included is a request for 30 percent help with purchasing new emergency sleeping bags as the ones we currently have are deteriorating due to age.

Joint Fire Commission Report

- A closing balance of \$102,443.22 was reported in the Fire Company's Mid-Penn Money Market account as of August 31, with an additional \$100,000 currently invested in 6-month and 12-month CD's.
- The PLGIT vehicle replacement fund totals \$269,110.75 as of August 31st. Year-to-date receipts from the annual newsletter and solicitation for funds total \$3,260.
- The annual Fire Company open house was well attended with chicken barbecue dinners sold out and sales netting \$2,036.88. The family outing for Fire Company members was well received and enjoyed by all participants.
- The 2023 Volunteer Fire Relief Association state aid allocations from the Auditor General, in the amount of \$4,326.22, will be direct deposited for payment to the Fire Company's Volunteer Fire Relief Association with 60 days of receipt.

Parks and Recreation Report

- No Report

Engineer's Report

- The NPDES Application was submitted to PADEP.
- The Envirep Duplex Pump control panel and required electrical work was initiated. We await a delivery date. The permit fees for each project is \$404.50. The Borough's fee is 15% - \$60 to the Borough. Council decided to waive this fee for Envirep.
- The High Street Sewer Replacement Grant application was submitted.
- Regarding the LDI/McNaughton inflow/infiltration study, the Solicitor is negotiating with LDI.

- The Zoning Board Solicitor is coordinating a meeting with the Zoning Hearing Board to make a decision on the Moore property.
- An investigation of the stone pile on Charles Road that was reported to the Borough resulted in finding out the stone was used for a French drain, therefore no permit was required.
- An estimate for the WWTP Air Supply Line repairs was received by Troy for review.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Statler stated that a decision from the Zoning Hearing Board, regarding the Short-Term Rental issue, is expected this month.

Mayor's Report

- No report

Sewer Delinquency / Rental Property Reports

- No questions

Treasurer's Report

- A motion to accept the September 2023 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Grbich and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- The New Community Building Committee held a meeting at the end of September. The kitchen representative didn't attend. The Committee should have more information within a few weeks.
- The Borough expects a final proposed agreement from LDI by the end of this month.
- PP&L has yet to mount the requested meter for the bridge.

New Business

- A discussion was held regarding the USDA/Vulture Program. Council decided not to renew the contract.
- Regarding signing up for the Savvy Citizen notification system, a decision was made by Council to assign the research to the Community Affairs Committee. Mayor McKenna will assist. The subscription cost is based on population.
- A motion to move the December 5, 2023 Council Meeting to December 12, 2023, to allow the Budget to be posted for 30 days, was made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Vice President Musselman and passed unanimously.
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Correspondence

- An email was received requesting a street light for Floral Lane. Mayor Mike will follow up.

Committee Reports

Administration Finance & Personnel - Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- The committee is having ongoing Budget meetings.

Public Works / Public Facilities & Sanitation - Musselman, Thrush

- Vice President Musselman informed Council that Middle Paxton Township has been mowing roadway edges and that there is an issue with 4 River Road.

Community Affairs - Burton, Harris

- The Committee has decided that the dog waste system would be underutilized and therefore is recommending against it.

Junior Council Person - Jocelyn Long

- Council Person Long will meet with the Finance Committee regarding the trip to deliver plastic caps for a recycling project.
- Council Person Long thanked Councilman Bechtel for installing the Bronze Plaque commemorating the new Dauphin Borough playground.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

There will be an additional Council meeting later this month which will be advertised.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Attest:

Approved:

Linda S. Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council